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WEATHER & CROPS



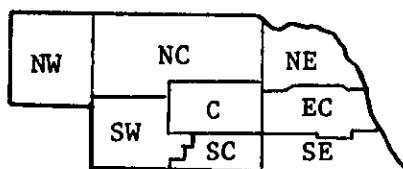
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WEATHER

Temperatures were below normal the first of the week and above normal the remainder of the period. Most of the State has now received frost or freezing temperatures. Rainfall occurred throughout the State the first portion of the week with the greatest amounts in the south central section.

GENERAL

Fall harvest moved along well last week in most parts of the State. Scattered showers have kept some farmers out of the fields and, in some cases, the crops have not dried out enough to harvest. Topsoil moisture supplies continue to improve and as of last Friday, only 52% of the counties had reported short supplies with 48% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies improved slightly to 91% short and 9% adequate. A year ago, topsoil was short in 99% of the counties and subsoil was 96% short.

CROPS

Corn harvest for grain continues to make good progress with over 25% harvested at this time. This compares to the normal of 15% and last year's 25% completion. Moisture content remains high in many areas as light showers or light frosts have not allowed the crop to dry out as quickly as last year.

Sorghum harvest also is well ahead of normal as over 50% of the crop is now harvested. Normally, only 25% has been taken at this time but last year harvest was 65% completed.

Soybeans are now over 95% mature, the same as normal and a year ago. Harvest is approaching 55% completion, well ahead of the 40% normal but behind the 60% for last year.

Wheat seeding is nearing completion with over 95% sown at this time. This is the same as normal and a year ago. Wheat stands have reportedly improved since the recent rains and in some cases have progressed well with only limited moisture available.

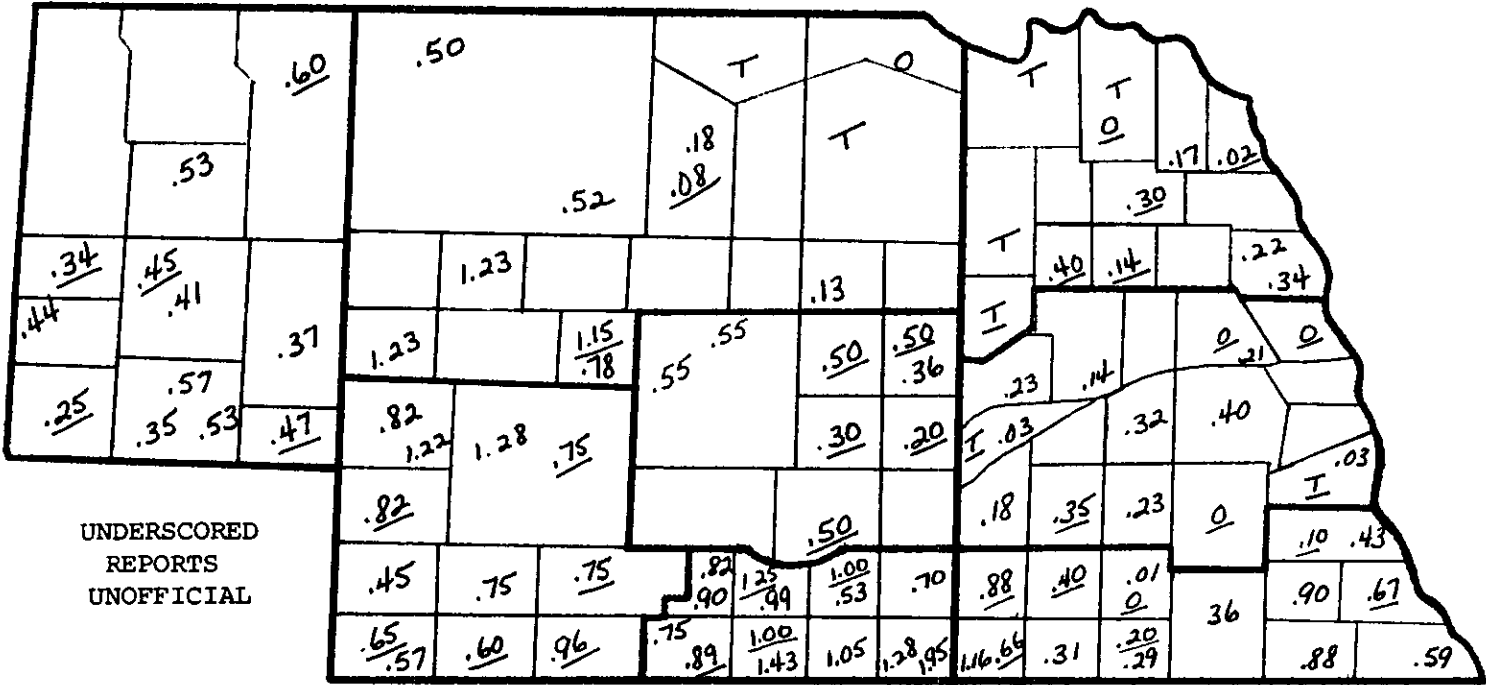
Sugar beet harvest is well underway in western Nebraska with some work being slowed temporarily by showers.

Alfalfa hay continues to be harvested in several areas with about 75% of the fourth cutting completed.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies improved from the previous week but feed supplies were rated short in 85% of the counties reporting. Cattle are being moved to milo and corn stalk fields as soon as they become available. Livestock remaining on the short pastures are receiving supplemental feed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1976



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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1976

| Station | | Temperature | | | | Precipitation |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------------|
| | | Extremes | | Mean | Departure | Total Inches 1/ |
| | | Max | Min | | | |
| NW | Chadron | 87 | 29 | 48 | -- | .53 |
| | Scottsbluff | 87 | 30 | 50 | -4 | .34 |
| | Sidney | 85 | 26 | 48 | -- | .28 |
| NC | Burwell | 83 | 29 | 49 | -- | .13 |
| | Valentine | 82 | 32 | 52 | -2 | .28 |
| NE | Norfolk | 80 | 30 | 51 | -6 | 0 |
| | Sioux City | 76 | 26 | 45 | -12 | 0 |
| CEN | Grand Island | 82 | 34 | 52 | -6 | .03 |
| EC | Lincoln | 80 | 29 | 51 | -8 | .02 |
| | Omaha | 80 | 30 | 52 | -8 | .56 |
| SW | Imperial | 83 | 31 | 52 | -- | 0 |
| | North Platte | 83 | 29 | 49 | -6 | 1.15 |

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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